

STEVENS, Henry - Brother of F.N.H. - Lavalette, N.J.

Formerly exhibition marksman for Remington Arms Company & DuPonts - Rifle Marksman. Never owned a pistol.

"On the Thursday night of murder I was at Lavalette in company with Mr. Mellinger, Mr. Egger and other neighbors. I was fishing along the beach. It was 10:30 P.M. or a little later that we dispersed to our homes. Next morning at 6 o'clock I went fishing again with several neighbors." Statement - see Herald 9/25/22.

Beekman announces that Henry examined today. (Amer. 10/18/22)

Henry S. exhibits handkerchief on his person embroidered with initial "S". States given him as gift by his mother on return from France. (Her. 10/18/22).

TNP states that Henry interrogated about handkerchief. (Times 10/18/22)

For denial of speedometer rumor see "Speedometer" (Tms 10/19/22)

See Applegate and Kight for alibi. (Times 10/19/22)

Recalled from Lavalette. Questioned for more than 15 minutes by Prosecutor. (Her. 10/21/22)

"On evening of 9/14/22 I was fishing in front of my home with group of friends. Remember evening distinctly because Arthur Applegate caught a very fine bass weighing 6 lbs. On this I find following entry in my diary - 'Sept. 14-Art, bass, 6 lbs.' I went into house and went to bed at 10:30 P.M. Arose bet 5 & 6 A.M., went fishing again. Other members of party were Wm. Seger of Phila., Max Chadwick (now deceased), Geo. Johnson and Mayor Enoch Van Camp. (Times 9/1/26) 1:3

States Walsh and Burke questioned him re: ownership fire arms. Told them various rifles and shotguns he owned and said he never owned revolver. (Times 9/1/26) - 10:2

Simpson at Toms River yesterday questioning Stevens' alibi witnesses, accompanied by Hayes and Walsh. Questioned John Keight, 16-yr-old boy, Applegate and Wm. Egger. Simpson states Egger contradicted App on an important point. (Times 9/1/26)

Henry S. states Ford car was literally falling to pieces; tires off rims, nothing in proper shape except brakes; never had a speedometer. (Times 9/2/26) - 2:7

Applegate says he remembers that incident was night of the murder but does not recall the day of the month. When murder first came out he remembers Henry S. was with him. The fish was weighed by lighted match; was just after dark. App stayed on beach until after 10 P.M. and left Henry C. there. App's wife and son were with him. States there were in all abt 20 persons on beach. (Times 9/2/26) - 2:7

Mrs. S. states 3 women who live on same block told her they would help on husband's alibi. They state Henry C. spoke to them at 11 P.M. night of 9/14/22. Recall date because they closed homes at Lavalette and returned to the city following day. (Times 9/3/26) - 6:2

Egger, a Chicago businessman, summer res. at Lavalette, states he doesn't remember any big fish caught night of 9/14/22. (Times 9/3/26 - 6:2)

Mrs. S. states husband has kept diary for past 20 yrs. (Times 9/3/26 - 6:2)

Thaddeus S. Mellinger, summering at Lavalette, last 31 yrs. employee John Wanamaker, Phila., states he remembers fish night



of 9/14/22 because 4 relatives were with him from Columbia, Pa. Henry C. was fishing 20 ft. from him. Remembers Applegate caught big fish. Doesn't remember its being weighed. Henry C. left beach 10:30 P.M. Mell left at 11 P.M. His home near Henry C. Saw light in Henry C's bedroom window as he passed. Did not hear any car leave Henry C's garage bet 11 P.M. and midnight because he was up until midnight. Path from S's garage to street leads past Mell's window. Mell corroborates Henry C's stmt that he was up at 5 A.M. 9/15/22 fishing on beach. (Times 9/3/26) 6:2

Mrs. Anna Evanson, Mell's cook, says she was up at daybreak abt 5 A.M. 9/15/22 and saw Henry S. out on beach. They both cast nets for mullets. (Times 9/3/26) - 6:2

For excerpts from stmt of Henry C. taken by Underwood, see Times 9/4/26 - 1:1

Wm. McGonigle, Phila. (Summers at Lavalette) made affidavit that he remembered fishing with Henry C. either Thursday or Friday of week 9/10/22. Couldn't fix exact date. Does not recall weighing of large blue fish caught by Applegate. (Times 9/5/26) - 6:4 Indicted 9/15/26 by April Grand Jury.

Mrs. Marie Demarest, Highland Park, N.B. (Tall woman, 45 yrs. old, lives on same block with Rice, Jr.) Surprise witness produced by Simpson before Grand Jury. Believed to have testified to seeing Henry S. in N.B. on morning 9/15/22. (Times 9/16/26) 1:8 & 2:4

Simpson says that the state has a witness who will testify to presence of Henry S. at murder scene and that he would not have asked Grand Jury to indict Henry S. unless such witness had testified before Grand Jury. Also states Henry S. made voluntary stmt, not under oath, differing as to events carrying on beach on night of 9/14/22 from stmts made by other witnesses. (Tms 9/17/26)

Arraigned today; pleaded "not guilty". 9/17/26.

Albert Schuffler said to have washed Henry S's car after 9/14/22; Ralph Helmuth interrogated for information regarding Albert Schuffler's whereabouts. (Times 9/24/26) - 48:6

Charles Garibaldi, owner of Meat Mkt in Lavalette, interrogated in belief that call for Henry S. from N.B. was rec'd at his place of business on 9/14/22. (Times 9/24/26) - 48:6

State will contend that Henry S. fired 4 shots that caused death and that throat of Mrs. M. was cut after her death by Willie S., other principal; contend Mrs. H. eye-witness with them. (Times 9/19/26) 1:8.

State investigators believe 4 accused gathered at Hall home for conference night of murder. (Times 9/19/26) 1:8

State's contention is that Henry S. fired the shots and that Willie S. cut Mrs. M. after she had died from the three bullets that entered her body. Also Rector had promised to abandon the infatuation when required to do so at the Stevens family conference. (this is contrary to the report of his previous refusal so to do). That Willie S. took the pistol to the scene, which fact was not known at the time to those who accompanied him or went there afterwards, and the state will seek to show that the letters, found neatly piled between the bodies later, had been shown to Rector and that this had provoked a quarrel. Theory is Rector finally defied those who confronted him and agreed to a divorce. This defiance, it was said by an investigator, brought the quarrel to a climax. The State's theory is that Willie S. produced a .32 calibre automatic pistol and that Henry S. seized it from him and fired it, first at Rector and then at Mrs. M., the shots fired at